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REMARKS [redacted]

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- [redacted] 1. The following loadings were observed at Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station:

25X1 On the morning of 7 April: JS-3 tanks [redacted] 3 T-34 tanks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] JSU-122s [redacted] 2 rocket launchers, presumably of 132 mm, [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] 20 sidecar motorcycles, 5 trucks, 2 Jeeps, 2 workshop trucks,  
 25X1 [redacted] 1 field kitchen and troops wearing red-bordered black  
 25X1 epaulets, some with tank insignia, on 4 boxcars. The train was dispatched prior  
 25X1 to 1:30 p.m. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led to the station from the direction  
 25X1 of Rohrbeck.  
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On the morning of 8 April: 3 pontoons on three-axle trucks, 1 boat, about 5 meters  
 long, on a three-axle truck, 6 trucks, some of them loaded with boards and beams  
 25X1 [redacted] 1 field kitchen and troops wearing black-bordered black  
 25X1 epaulets on 4 boxcars. The loading terminated at 11 a.m. Source believed the troops  
 25X1 to have come from the Loewen Kaserne (2063).  
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[redacted] 2. At about 8:30 a.m. on 5 April, a troop train with about 50 trucks, an artillery  
 25X1 unit and 1 radio truck stood at Wolmirstedt railroad station. The train was no  
 25X1 longer there after 11 a.m. Source could not determine whether the unit had been  
 25X1 detrain or entrain.

[redacted] 3. At about 8 p.m. on 28 March, 50 trucks with covered numbers and occupied by troops  
 25X1 and equipment, 30 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 20 armored personnel  
 carriers left the Kavallerie Schule Krampnitz (2161) toward Marquardt. On 2 April,  
 25X1 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] arrived in Krampnitz from the direction of  
 25X1 Satkorr. Between 4 and 7 p.m. on 4 April, T-34/85 tanks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] 15 armored personnel carriers including [redacted] 10 armored half-  
 25X1-track vehicles and 20 to 30 trucks [redacted] arrived in Krampnitz  
 25X1 from the direction of Marquardt. 2  
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[redacted] 4. At 8 a.m. on 30 March, a column of about 10 trucks including 8 towing a 37-mm  
 25X1 AA gun and radio truck [redacted] passed through Wuensdorf. Trucks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] were identified. 2  
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- [ ] 5. At 2 p.m. on 31 March, a troop train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 28 trucks, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 sedan, 1 jeep, and 2 field kitchens, and 12 boxcars with troops passed through Beelitz toward Wildpark. At

25X1 8:30 a.m. on 6 April, a troop train with 16 T-34/85 tanks [ ]

25X1 [ ] 4 trucks and 1 field kitchen passed through Wildpark from the direction of Potsdam and proceeded toward Seddin. Between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 4 April,

25X1 several columns passed through Beelitz from the direction of Treuenbrietzen

25X1 and proceeded toward Potsdam. The columns included a total of about 400 trucks including about 50 towing 57-mm AT guns, about 22 field kitchens, about 50 tank trucks, about 15 ambulances, about 10 jeeps and about 2,500 to 3,000 troops. [ ]

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- [ ] 6. During the night of 28 March, the mortar unit, which left the Wald Kaserne (5441, 5442) in Rathenow by road during the night of 24 March, returned to the barracks installations. The artillery unit which had left during the night of 26 March and in the morning of the following day returned during the night of 29 March.

25X1 Mortars of 120 and 160 mm and 76.2-mm field guns were identified.

- [ ] 7. The following columns crossed the Schrassentruetze Nord, also called Wilhelm Pieck Bridge, in Magdeburg:

25X1 At about 6 p.m. on 30 March: 5 trucks [ ] with tree trunks, heading east.

At 5:45 a.m. on 31 March: a column whose rear was brought up by 4 trucks and 2 x 85-mm AT guns, heading west.

25X1 At 5 p.m. on 3 April: 40 trucks [ ] most of them loaded with tree trunks, heading east.

25X1 Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on 4 April: about 65 trucks, including about 20 occupied by troops, heading west. Up to noon, all trucks returned, loaded with tree trunks.

25X1 8. At about 4 p.m. on 4 April, 28 trucks with pontoons were seen on the eastern bank of the Elbe River, northeast of Wilhelm Bruecke.

- [ ] 9. The following materiel was detrain at Eberswalde freight station:

25X1 At 1 a.m. on 30 March: 10 JS tanks [ ]

25X1 T-34 tank [ ] and 2 JSU-249s [ ]

25X1 At 2 a.m. on 30 March: T-34 tanks [ ] 10 JS-3 tanks [ ]

25X1 JS-3 tank [ ] The troops left toward the Artillerie

Kaserne. ?

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1. [ ] Comment. On 7 April, mixed tank units of the 1st Mech Div were loaded and, 25X1 [ ] shipped to Neustrelitz on train [ ] presumably for combat firing in the Lychen - Rutenberg area. The train observed on 8 April is believed to have carried units of the 18th (?) Bde of the division which, according to the reference report, transferred to Neuruppin on train [ ]. It is possible that water exercises were to be conducted at the Havel River.

2. [ ] Comment. Several reports have been obtained on the departure for, and return from, exercises in the Baruth-Jueterbog-Treuenbrietzen area of units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. [ ] According to paragraph 5 in the present report, major elements of the division returned to the post by road.

3. [ ] Comment. Units of the 2d Gds AAA Div which, possibly, arrived in Rebogen by train [ ] from Neubukow.

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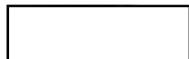
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4. [ ] Comment. Possibly, one of trains [ ] which, according to official records, went from Jueterbog to Prenzlau, Fuerstenwalde, Templin and Oranienburg on 1 April.

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] trains [redacted] went from Gardelegen to Rathenow on 28 March. The trains carried units which returned from exercises of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in the area of Tangermuette and the north sector of Letzling Heath and whose detraining in Rathenow was previously reported. According to the present and other reports, the exercises involved elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US) and 18th How Arty Brig. [redacted]  
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6. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that units of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the CFC practiced at the eastern bank of the Elbe River.  
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7. [redacted] Comment. Return of units of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mech Div from exercises of the division. [redacted] the two trains came from Friesack and/or Paulinenau.  
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